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| INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion   | on is contained in this Report               | *            |                             |
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<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see Section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

#### CSP SECURITIES, LP

REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

#### **CSP SECURITIES, LP**

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## CSP SECURITIES, LP Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2015

#### **ASSETS**

| Cash Accounts receivable Prepaid expense / Related Party Other assets          | \$ 735,640<br>10,508,106<br>55,000<br>5,888 |
|--|---|
| Total assets   | <u>\$ 11,304,634</u>                        |
| LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY   |   |
| Liabilities: Incentive fees payable / Related Parties State margin tax payable | \$ 2,159,013<br>54,000                      |
|  | 2,213,013                                   |
| Partners' capital  | 9,091,621                                   |
| Total liabilities and partners' capital  | <u>\$ 11,304,634</u>                        |

## CSP SECURITIES, LP Statement of Income For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

| Revenues:                        |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Success fees                     | \$16,241,328        |
| Consulting fees                  | 179,163             |
| Interest                         | <u>108,089</u>      |
|                                  | 16,528,580          |
| Expenses:                        |                     |
| Overhead allocation fee          | 660,000             |
| Incentive fees                   | 380,000             |
| Other                            | 189,248             |
| Commissions                      | <u>2,230,248</u>    |
|                                  | 3,459,496           |
| Net income before income taxes   | 13,069,084          |
| Provision for state income taxes | 40,661              |
| Net Income                       | <u>\$13,028,423</u> |

## CSP SECURITIES, LP Statement of Changes in Partners' Equity For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

| Balances at                   | General<br><u>Partner</u> | Limited<br><u>Partner</u> | Total               |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| December 31, 2014             | \$ 353,171                | \$ 9,125,027              | \$ 9,478,198        |
| Capital distributions         |                           | (13,415,000)              | (13,415,000)        |
| Net income                    | 130,284                   | 12,898,139                | 13,028,423          |
| Balances at December 31, 2015 | <u>\$ 483,455</u>         | <u>\$ 8,608,166</u>       | <u>\$ 9,091,621</u> |

# CSP SECURITIES, LP Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

| Balance, at December 31, 2014 | \$ -0- |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Increases                     | -0-    |
| Decreases                     |        |
| Balance, at December 31, 2015 | \$ -0- |

## CSP SECURITIES, LP Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

#### Cash flows from operating activities:

| Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities: Change in assets and liabilities:                        | \$ 13,028,423   |
|--|---|
| Increase in accounts receivable Increase in other assets Increase in prepaid expense Decrease in incentive fees payable Decrease in state margin tax payable | (88,921)<br>(4,176)<br>(20,000)<br>(451,751)<br>(4,839) |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities   | 12,458,734  |
| Cash flows from investing activities   |   |
| Net cash provided (used) by investing activities   |   |
| Cash flows from financing activities   |   |
| Capital distributions  | (13,415,000)  |
| Net cash provided (used) by financing activities   | (13,415,000)  |
| Net increase in cash Cash at beginning of year   | (956,266)<br><u>1,691,906</u>                           |
| Cash at end of year  | <u>\$ 735,640</u>                                       |
| Supplemental schedule of cash flow information:  |   |
| Income taxes paid  | <u>\$ 45,500</u>  |

## CSP SECURITIES, LP Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2015

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Organization and Business Activity**

CSP Securities, LP (the "Partnership"), a Delaware limited partnership, is a broker-dealer in securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under ("SEC") Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Partnership began operation on January 26, 2006.

The Partnership raises capital from sophisticated institutional and commercial investors for high quality investment firms specializing in private equity and other alternative asset investment strategies.

The General Partner, Capstone Partners GP, LLC, manages the affairs of the Partnership.

#### **Accounts Receivable**

The Partnership utilizes the direct write-off method to record bad debts. Management believes that there were no material uncollectible accounts included in accounts receivable at year end.

#### **Management Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Income Taxes**

No provision for federal income taxes is required since the partners of the Partnership report their proportionate share of partnership taxable income or loss on their respective federal income tax returns. Such income or losses are proportionately allocated to the partners based upon their ownership interests.

Any potential interest and penalty associated with a tax contingency, should one arise, would be included as a component of income tax expense in the period in which the assessment arises. The Partnership's federal and state income tax returns are subject to examination over various statutes of limitations generally ranging from three to four years.

The Partnership accounts for income taxes in accordance with the *Income Taxes* Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. Deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from temporary differences between book and tax basis are recognized using the enacted statutory tax rates and laws that will be in effect when such differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognized for temporary differences that will result in deductible amounts in future years. Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for temporary differences that will result in taxable income in future years. In the case of deferred tax assets, a reduction in deferred tax assets are recorded if it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Any interest or penalties associated with income taxes would be included as a component of income tax expense in the period in which the assessment arises.

## CSP SECURITIES, LP Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2015

#### Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>, continued

#### Allocation of Income and Loss

Income or loss of the Partnership is generally allocated 99% to the Limited Partner, Capstone Partners, LP and 1% to the General Partner.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Success fees are reflected in the period in which earned. Expense reimbursements are reflected in the period in which the corresponding expense is reflected.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", which provides guidance for revenue recognition. This ASU's core principal is that a Company will recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services. This ASU also requires additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments, and asses recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. ASU No. 2014-09 allows for either full retrospective or modified retrospective adoption. The ASU will be effective commencing with the Company's year ending December 31, 2020. The Company is currently assessing the potential impact of this ASU on its financial statements.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-15, Presentation of Financial Statements Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40) – Disclosure of Uncertainties about and Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern. Currently there is no guidance in U.S. GAAP about management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. This guidance is effective for the Company's annual reporting period ending December 31, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The Company expects no material effect on its financial statements.

In January 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-01, income Statement – Extraordinary and Unusual Items (Subtopic 225-02); Simplifying Income Statement Presentation by Eliminating the concepts of Extraordinary Items. The amendments in ASU 2015-01 Statement – Extraordinary and Unusual Items, required that an entity separately classify, present, and disclose extraordinary events and transactions. Presently, an event or transaction presumed to be an ordinary and usual activity of the reporting entity unless evidence clearly supports is classification as an extraordinary item. ASUM 2015-01 is effective for the Company's annual periods beginning January 1, 2016. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is not currently reporting any extraordinary or unusual items in its financial statements.

#### Note 2 - Related Party

During 2015, the Partnership incurred an overhead allocation fee of \$660,000 paid to the Limited Partner under an agreement that calls for a minimum overhead allocation fee of \$55,000 per month.

## CSP SECURITIES, LP Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2015

The Limited Partner and the General Partner are related parties under common control and the existence of that control could create operating results and financial positions different than if the entities were autonomous.

#### Note 3 - Net Capital Requirements

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, a minimum net capital requirement must be maintained, as defined under such provisions. Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2015, the Partnership had net capital of approximately \$681,640 and net capital requirements of \$64,707. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 1.42 to 1. The SEC permits a ratio of no greater than 15 to 1.

Capital distributions to partners can be made under a capital distribution policy approved by the General Partner. Periodic distributions approved by the General Partner may be made to enable the partners to pay federal income taxes on Partnership profits, among other purposes.

#### Note 4 - Possession or Control Requirements

The Partnership holds no customer funds or securities. There were no material inadequacies in the procedures followed in adhering to the exemptive provisions of (SEC) Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i).

#### Note 5 - Concentration Risk

During 2015, 88.40% of the Partnership's revenue was earned from two sources and 66.03% of accounts receivable at December 31, 2015 was due from these two sources.

The Partnership maintains cash balances that may at various times exceed federally insured amounts.

Supplementary Information

Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

#### Schedule I

# CSP SECURITIES, LP Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission As of December 31, 2015

#### **COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**

| Total partners' capital qualified for net capital   | *                   | \$9,091,621               |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Add: Other deductions or allowable credits  |                     | 0-                        |
| Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities  |                     | 9,091,621                 |
| Deductions and/or charges Non-allowable assets:   |                     |                           |
| Accounts receivable less direct related payables  | \$(8,349,093)       |                           |
| Prepaid expenses<br>Other assets  | (55,000)<br>(5,888) | (8,409,981)               |
| Net capital before haircuts on securities positions   |                     | 681,640                   |
| Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable, pursuant to Rule 15c3-1(f))                               |                     |                           |
| Net capital   |                     | <u>\$ 681,640</u>         |
| AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS  |                     |                           |
| Items included in statement of financial condition:   |                     |                           |
| State margin tax payable<br>Incentive fees payable less than one year<br>Incentive fees not subject to offset | ,                   | \$ 54,000<br>916,602<br>0 |
| Total aggregate indebtedness  |                     | <u>\$ 970,602</u>         |

#### Schedule I (continued)

# CSP SECURITIES, LP Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission As of As of December 31, 2015

#### COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

| Minimum net capital required (6 2/3% of total aggregate indebtedness)      | <u>\$ 64,707</u>  |
|--|-------------------|
| Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer       | <u>\$ 5,000</u>   |
| Net capital requirement (greater of above two minimum requirement amounts) | \$ 64,707         |
| Net capital in excess of required minimum                                  | <u>\$ 616,933</u> |
| Excess net capital at 1000%  | <u>\$ 584,580</u> |
| Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital                               | 1.42 to 1         |

#### RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION

There were no differences in the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 from the Company's computation.

#### Schedule II

# CSP SECURITIES, LP Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission As of December 31, 2015

#### **EXEMPTIVE PROVISIONS**

The Partnership has claimed an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 under section (k)(2)(i) in that the Partnership does not hold customers' monies or securities.

### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm On Management's Exemption Report

Required By SEC Rule 17a-5

Year Ended December 31, 2015



### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON MANAGEMENT'S EXEMPTION REPORT

To the General Partner of CSP Securities, LP

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying exemption report, in which (a) CSP Securities, LP identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. § 15c3-3(k) under which CSP Securities, LP claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3: (k)(2)(i) (the "exemption provisions") and (b) CSP Securities, LP stated that CSP Securities, LP met the identified exemption provisions throughout the year ending December 31, 2015 without exception. CSP Securities, LP's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about CSP Securities, LP's compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(i) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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Dallas, Texas February 9, 2016

## **CSP Securities, LP**

January 14, 2016

To the best of our knowledge and believe, CSP Securities, LP acts as a limited broker / dealer and has met the specific exemption relied upon under Rule 15c3(k)(2)(i) of the Securities Act of 1934 for the year ending December 31, 2015.

Tiffany Lauterbach

Chief Compliance Officer

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#### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm On the SIPC Annual Assessment

Required By SEC Rule 17a-5

Year Ended December 31, 2015



### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM REPORT ON THE SIPC ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

To the General Partner of CSP Securities, LP

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Assessment and Payments ("Form SIPC-7") to the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") for the year ended December 31, 2015, which were agreed to by CSP Securities, LP and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and SIPC, solely to assist you and the other specified parties in evaluating CSP Securities, LP's compliance with the applicable instructions of the Form SIPC-7. Management is responsible for CSP Securities, LP's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

- 1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursements records entries (cash disbursements journal) noting no differences;
- 2. Compared the amounts reported on the audited Form X-17A-5 for the year ended December 31, 2015 with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the year ended December 31, 2015 noting no differences;
- 3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers noting no differences; and
- 4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related schedules and working papers supporting the adjustments noting no differences.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

CF & Co., L.L.P.

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Dallas, Texas February 9, 2016

(33-REV 7/10)

# SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION P.O. Box 92185 Washington, D.C. 20090-2185 202-371-8300 General Assessment Reconciliation

For the fiscal year ended 1211 2015 (Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

(33-REV 7/10)

#### TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS

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|               | •          | CSP Securities 13355 Noel Rd Dallas, TX 75   |                                      | lote: If any of the information shown on the nailing label requires correction, please e-mail my corrections to form@sipc.org and so ndicate on the form filed.  It is and telephone number of person to ontact respecting this form. |
| 2.            | Α.         | General Assessment (item 2e from page 2)   |                                      | s 41,321,45   |
|               | В.         | Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude in  | nterest)                             | ( 19037,73  |
|               | C.         | Less prior overpayment applied   |                                      | ( <u> </u>  |
|               | D.         | Assessment balance due or (overpayment)  |                                      | 22,283.12   |
|               | Ε.         | Interest computed on late payment (see instruc   | ction E) fordays at 20% per          | алпит   |
|               | F.         | Total assessment balance and Interest due (or  | overpayment carried forward)         | \$ 23.283.72  |
|               | G.         | PAID WITH THIS FORM:<br>Check enclosed, payable to SIPC<br>Total (must be same as F above)   | s 22.28                              | 3.72  |
|               | Н.         | Overpayment carried forward  | \$(                                  | )   |
| 3.            | Sub        | osidiaries (S) and predecessors (P) included in t  | this form (give name and 1934 Act    | registration number):   |
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| Da            | het        | the 15 day of January, 2016.   | Fin                                  | (Authorized Signature)  |
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### DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES" AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT

Amounts for the fiscal period beginning and ending Item No. 2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030) 2b. Additions: (1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above. (2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts. (3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts. (4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining Item 2a. (5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities. (6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining net profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities. (7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts. Total additions 2c. Deductions: (1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insurance, from investment advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products. (2) Revenues from commodity transactions. (3) Commissions, Iloor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions. (4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation. (5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts. (6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date. (7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act). (8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business. (See instruction C): (Deductions in excess of \$100,000 require documentation) (9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income. (ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960). Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii) Total deductions 2d, SIPC Net Operating Revenues 2e. General Assessment @ .0025

#### SIPC-7 Instructions

This form is to be filed by all members of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation whose fiscal years end in 2011 and annually thereafter. The form together with the payment is due no later than 60 days after the end of the fiscal year, or after membership termination. Amounts reported herein must be readily reconcilable with the member's records and the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17a-5 report filed. Questions pertaining to this form should be directed to SIPC via e-mail at form@sipc.org or by telephoning 202-371-8300.

A. For the purposes of this form, the term "SIPC Net Operating Revenues" shall mean gross revenues from the securities business as defined in or pursuant to the applicable sections of the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 ("Act") and Article 6 of SIPC's bylaws (see page 4), less item 2c(9) on page 2.

B. Gross revenues of subsidiaries, except foreign subsidiaries, are required to be included in SIPC Net Operating Revenues on a consolidated basis except for a

subsidiary filing separately as explained hereinafter.

If a subsidiary was required to file a Rule 17a-5 annual audited statement of income separately and is also a SIPC member, then such subsidiary must itself file SIPC-7, pay the assessment, and should not be consolidated in your SIPC-7.

SIPC Net Operating Revenues of a predecessor member which are not included in Item 2a, were not reported separately and the SIPC assessments were not paid thereon by such predecessor, shall be included in Item 2b(1).

C. Your General Assessment should be computed as follows:

- (1) Line 2a. For the applicable period enter total revenue based upon amounts reported in your Rule 17a-5 Annual Audited Statement of income prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to securities brokers and dealers, or if exempted from that rule, use X-17A-5 (FOCUS Report) Line 12, Code 4030.
- (2) Adjustments. The purpose of the adjustments on page 2 is to determine SIPC Net Operating Revenues.
  - (a) Additions Lines 2b(1) through 2b(7) assure that assessable income and gain items of SiPC Net Operating Revenues are totaled, unreduced by any losses (e.g., if a net loss was incurred for the period from all transactions in trading account securities, that net loss does not reduce other assessable revenues). Thus, line 2b(4) would include all short dividend and interest payments including those incurred in reverse conversion accounts, rebates on stock loan positions and repo interest which have been netted in determining line 2(a).
  - (b) Deductions Line 2c(1) through line 2c(9) are either provided for in the statue, as in deduction 2c(1), or are allowed to arrive at an assessment base consisting of net operating revenues from the securities business. For example, line 2c(9) allows for a deduction of either the total of interest and dividend expense (not to exceed interest and dividend income), as reported on FOCUS line 22/PART IIA line 13 (Code 4075), plus line 2b(4) or 40% of interest earned on customers' securities accounts (40% of FOCUS Line 5 Code 3960). Be certain to complete both line (i) and (ii), entering the greater of the two in the far right column. Dividends paid to shareholders are not considered "Expense" and thus are not to be included in the deduction. Likewise, interest and dividends paid to partners pursuant to the partnership agreements would also not be deducted.

If the amount reported on line 2c (8) aggregates to \$100,000 or greater, supporting documentation must accompany the form that identifies these deductions. Examples of support information include; contractual agreements, prospectuses,

and limited partnership documentation.

(i) Determine your SIPC Net Operating Revenues, item 2d, by adding to item 2a, the total of item 2b, and deducting the total of item 2c.

(ii) Multiply SIPC Net Operating Revenues by the applicable rate. Enter the resulting amount in item

2e and on line 2A of page 1.

(iii) Enter on line 2B the assessment due as reflected on the SIPC-6 previously filed.

- (iv) Subtract line 2B and 2C from line 2A and enter the difference on line 2D. This is the balance due for the period.
- (v) Enter interest computed on late payment (If applicable) on line 2E.
- (vi) Enter the total due on line 2F and the payment of the amount due on line 2G.
- (vii) Enter overpayment carried forward (if any) on line 2H.
- D. Any SIPC member which is also a bank (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) may exclude from SIPC Net Operating Revenues dividends and interest received on securities in its investment accounts to the extent that it can demonstrate to SIPC's satisfaction that such securities are held, and such dividends and interest are received, solely in connection with its operations as a bank and not in connection with its operations as a broker, dealer or member of a national securities exchange. Any member who excludes from SIPC Net Operating Revenues any dividends or interest pursuant to the preceding sentence shall file with this form a supplementary statement setting forth the amount so excluded and proof of its entitlement to such exclusion.
- E. <u>Interest on Assessments</u>, If all or any part of assessment payable under Section 4 of the Act has not been postmarked within 15 days after the due date thereof, the member shall pay, in addition to the amount of the assessment, interest at the rate of 20% per annum on the unpaid portion of the assessment for each day it has been overdue.
- F. Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17a-5(e) (4) requires those who are not exempted from the audit requirement of the rule and whose gross revenues are in excess of \$500,000 to file a supplemental independent public accountants report covering this SIPC-7 no later than 60 days after their fiscal year ends.

Mall this completed form to SIPC together with a check for the amount due, made payable to SIPC, using the enclosed return PO BOX envelope or wire the payment to:

Bank Name: Citibank, New York

Swift: CITIUS33 ABA#: 021000089

Account Number: 30801482

Address: 111 Wall Street, New York, New York 10043 USA On the wire identify the name of the firm and its SEC Registration 8-# and label it as "for assessment." Please fax a copy of the assessment form to (202)223-1679 or e-mail a copy to form@sipc.org on the same day as the wire.

From Section 16(9) of the Act:

The term "gross revenues from the securities business" means the sum of (but without duplication)—

- (A) commissions earned in connection with transactions in securities effected for customers as agent (net of commissions paid to other brokers and dealers in connection with such transactions) and markups with respect to purchases or sales of securities as principal;
  - (B) charges for executing or clearing transactions in securities for other brokers and dealers:
  - (C) the net realized gain, if any, from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts:
  - (D) the net profit, if any, from the management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities;
  - (E) interest earned on customers' securities accounts;
- (F) fees for investment advisory services (except when rendered to one or more registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts) or account supervision with respect to securities;
  - (G) fees for the solicitation of proxies with respect to, or tenders or exchanges of, securities;
  - (H) income from service charges or other surcharges with respect to securities;
- (I) except as otherwise provided by rule of the Commission, dividends and interest received on securities in investment accounts of the broker or dealer;
  - (J) fees in connection with put, call, and other options transactions in securities;
- (K) commissions earned for transactions in (i) certificates of deposit, and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances, or commercial paper which have a maturity at the time of issuance of not exceeding nine months, exclusive of days of grace, or any renewal thereof, the maturity of which is likewise limited, except that SIPC shall by bylaw include in the aggregate of gross revenues only an appropriate percentage of such commissions based on SIPC's loss experience with respect to such instruments over at least the preceding five years; and
  - (L) fees and other income from such other categories of the securities business as SIPC shall provide by bylaw.

Such term includes revenues earned by a broker or dealer in connection with a transaction in the portfolio margining account of a customer carried as securities accounts pursuant to a portfolio margining program approved by the Commission. Such term does not include revenues received by a broker or dealer in connection with the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust or revenues derived by a broker or dealer from the sales of variable annuities, the business of insurance, or transactions in security futures products.

From Section 16(14) of the Act:

The term "Security" means any note, stock, treasury stock, bond, debenture, evidence of indebtedness, any collateral trust certificate, preorganization certificate or subscription, transferable share, voting trust certificate, certificate of deposit, certificate of deposit for a security, or any security future as that term is defined in section 78c(a)(55)(A) of this title, any investment contract or certificate of interest or participation in any profit-sharing agreement or in any oil, gas or mineral royalty or lease (if such investment contract or interest is the subject of a registration statement with the Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 [15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.]), any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege on any security, or group or index of securities (including any interest therein or based on the value thereof), or any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege entered into on a national securities exchange relating to foreign currency, any certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase or sell any of the foregoing, and any other instrument commodity or related contract or futures contract, or any warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase or sell any of the foregoing.

### From SIPC Bylaw Article 6 (Assessments): Section 1(f):

The term "gross revenues from the securities business" includes the revenues in the definition of gross revenues from the securities business set forth in the applicable sections of the Act.

#### Section 3:

For purpose of this article:

- (a) The term "securities in trading accounts" shall mean securities held for sale in the ordinary course of business and not identified as having been held for investment.
- (b) The term "securities in investment accounts" shall mean securities that are clearly identified as having been acquired for investment in accordance with provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to dealers in securities.
- (c) The term "fees and other income from such other categories of the securities business" shall mean all revenue related either directly or indirectly to the securities business except revenue included in Section 16(9)(A)-(L) and revenue specifically excepted in Section 4(c)(3)(C)[Item 2c(1), page 2].

Note: If the amount of assessment entered on line 2e of SIPC-7 is greater than 1/2 of 1% of \*gross revenues from the securities business\* as defined above, you may submit that calculation along with the SIPC-7 form to SIPC and pay the smaller amount, subject to review by your Examining Authority and by SIPC.

SIPC Examining Authorities:



#### SEC Mail Processing REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED RUBHIG ACCOUNTING FIRM

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To the General Partner of CSP Securities, LP

Washington DC 409

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of CSP Securities, LP (the "Partnership") as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of income, changes in partner's capital, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Partnership Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CSP Securities, LP as of December 31, 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The supplementary information contained in Schedules I and II (the Supplemental Information) has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Partnership's financial statements. The Supplemental Information is the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the Supplemental Information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the Supplemental Information. In forming our opinion on the Supplemental Information, we evaluated whether the Supplemental Information, including its form and content is presented in conformity with 17C.F.R.§ 240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplementary information contained in Schedules I and II is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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Dallas, Texas February 9, 2016